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## Newsletter

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#### Thanks

.. To all those families that donated food & the following parents for helping on the day: Shelley Trigg, Lisa Clement, Eva Clements, Gary Hayes, Bo Kyung Kim, Heekyung Kim and Val Smith. A huge thanks to Debbie Walker & Sharon Smith for coordinating – was a huge success well over \$2,000 for our school.

To those parents who have been working so hard with our senior debating teams.

.. To those parents who helped out today with supervision at, and transport to and from, the Interschool Cross Country.

#### People of the Week

.. Leyton who wrote a great story this week.

.. Aimee-Louise whose writing has improved in leaps and bounds this year. What a STAR Aimee-Louise.

.. Emma for her great bus booklet. Great work Emma.

#### And our consideration stars ..

.. Tayla who raised over \$400 for the 20 hour famine .. a phenomenal achievement Tayla!

#### Term Calendar

8 July	School Science Fair (Prize Giving 6:30 PM 9.7)
8 / 9 July	Parent / teacher interviews
12 July	Final day of term 2

#### Current Virtue - CONSIDERATION

Please continue your work at come on the CONSIDERATION virtue. Please take some time to ..

... revisit this virtue with your child

... talk about how you practice consideration in your life

... set some goals you and they can work on.

.. **advise us of shining examples for publication in the newsletter**

#### Parent / Teacher Interviews - 8 and 9 July

Appointment forms were sent home earlier this week. **If you did not receive your appointment form please contact the school office.**

Parents will be advised of their appointment times early next week.

Parents are reminded to bring their child's portfolio with them to interviews, to jot down any questions beforehand, to be on time please and to move on the bell.

#### Early Finish - 8 and 9 July

Please note that school will finish at **2:30 PM** on both interview days (8 and 9 July) to allow teachers time to prepare for interviews. Please note that buses could be running **approximately** 30-40 minutes earlier on these days **depending on loadings** and so please expect children earlier than usual at drop off points. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so please at the earlier time of 2:30 PM. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Learner Portfolios

Please note that these will be sent home next Wednesday (and not today as formerly advised). There is a fair bit of work in putting these together and we want them to be an easy and informative read for you. Please read over these **with your child** and **commend them for areas of improvement** and note down any matters you would like to discuss at interviews. Test data is also useful (to be shared at interviews) but provides a narrow (only covers what is in the test) snapshot (one point in time) and so portfolios help create a much more comprehensive picture of each child's achievement.

### Matarau School Hockey

Well Done to the following players of the Day



Year 4 - 8 June - Connan  
15 June - Jynaia,  
22 June - Jessica



Year 5 - Caitlyn

### School Science Fair Prize Giving

Our Science Fair exhibits will be on display in the school hall on the evenings of 8 and 9 July in the hope that you will **drop by to take a look on your way to and from interviews**. Children receiving prizes will be advised beforehand and **are asked to be in attendance at the prize giving starting 6:30 PM on Tuesday 9 July if possible please**. *Thank you to Heatpump professionals who are sponsors of this year's school fair.*

### Homestay needed .. Can you help?

We are currently seeking a homestay for a 12 year old Korean boy for term 3. The homestay parents would receive \$200 a week and would be expected to provide meals, suitable sleeping and bathroom facilities and some means of safe transport to school. Could be a great cultural experience for both parties. If you think you might be able to help please give Donna in our office a call. Thanks.

### Out of Zone Enrolments

The school is already receiving out of zone enquiries. The board remains committed to keeping our roll below 300 and so out of zone places will be strictly limited in 2014. **If you are an out of zone family with a child turning 5 next year can you please advise Kevin before the end of this term**. This is NOT a guarantee of placement but we do try hard to reserve places for siblings of current out of zone students. Last year some families did not respond to this request and, consequently, we had the difficult task of advising them that we were unable to accept their child for the following year.

### After School Labs

Please note that labs will not run in the final week of term (week beginning 8 July) due to parent interviews.

### Labs for term 3

We are pleased to advise that After School Labs will continue into term 3. In term 3 two labs will run as follows... concurrently on Mondays and Thursdays.

1. SRA Reading Laboratories ... focussed principally on developing reading comprehension and word study skills.
2. Maths laboratories ... focussed principally on developing number system understandings and competence with basic number operations.

**Please contact Kevin next week if you would like your child considered for these labs** (although we can't guarantee their placement at this time) and if you are confident you can get them here on both the Monday and the Thursday. You will need to opt into one lab or the other depending on where you see the greatest need. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher to discuss their suitability. These labs are provided to families at no cost and places are limited.

### 20 Hour Famine

Please note that the deadline for all sponsor money (and sponsor booklets) was 24 June. Please get all outstanding money and booklets to the office no later than this coming Monday.

### **International Schools English and Maths Exams**

Practice papers are now available at the office for both exams. Please ensure children have a designated time and place to sit these papers ... minimum one per week please. Sorry .. **English exam is 31 July** (not August as earlier advised).

### **Safer Journeys .. staying safe near roads and railways**

Over coming weeks we will be sharing various facets of road safety with children. We feel the best way to do this is ..

.. a little at a time .. with revision of earlier points as the programme unfolds

.. with the same material being discussed by parents at home.

So .. please discuss the following with your children next week (we will do the same at school). It is also highly important to do the practice exercises with them



### **THIS WEEK .. KERB DRILL .. discuss ..**

1. Stop one step back from the kerb
2. Look and listen for traffic coming from all directions
3. If there is traffic coming, wait until it has passed and then look and listen for traffic again.
4. If there is no traffic coming, walk quickly straight across the road
5. While crossing, look and listen for traffic, wherever it may come from

### **And we would add .. WEAR YOUR HIGH VISIBILITY VEST**

You may need to personalise these guidelines to your child's circumstance. A guide book was sent home for parents last week (check your child's schoolbag). Please put this in a safe place and use as we tackle the content sub-topic at a time. THANKS!

### **Year 7 and 8 - Science Fair / Action Research**

Children are now in their final week. If you want to know if your child is up to date please email Mr D on [sdelemare@matarau.school.nz](mailto:sdelemare@matarau.school.nz) or Mrs Donaldson on [kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz)

### **Hockey Fees / Tech fees**

Please get these fees to Helen in the office as soon as possible so we can pay the respective organisations on your behalf.

### **Red Socks Day**

As part of Leadership week in Week 10, the school council have decided to support Red Socks Day. This is a day that raises money for the Sir Peter Blake charitable trust. We are asking that all students come to school dressed in red looking as plain or wacky as they want and bring along a gold coin donation for the trust. A Westpac representative will be coming to our end of term assembly to accept the donation and see all the red children. Red Socks day is on the last day of term, 12th July. Thanks for your support. School Council.

### **Police vetting of camp parents**

Thank you to those people who fed through their thoughts on the routine vetting of camp parents. The Board will now consider this feedback before any revision is made / or not made to current practice. We will keep you informed.

### **Cybersafety Suggestions .. important enough to repeat this week.**

Last week we promised to share some concrete things that we believe parents can do to make the internet a safer place for their children .. and sometimes other people's children. We strongly encourage all of our parents to implement these practices in their homes.

.. know when, where and how your child uses their email and internet accounts

.. insist on knowing your child's passwords so you can monitor their internet usage

.. take a special interest in social network sites. Most of these have an age restriction and we suggest you enforce these.

.. if you have decided to allow your child to use Facebook ensure you have access to their Facebook page. Monitor usage closely and don't be afraid to "shut it down" if you feel uneasy about their involvement.

.. be aware of the restrictions that can be placed on ipads, ipods, tablets etc

(At some future point Mr D and key staff intend offering a workshop for parents who may feel a bit overwhelmed by the whole technology thing)

**And last of all** .. have recent public comments on National Standards had you wondering about the reliability of the standards? Next week we will advise what measures we are taking to make these as reliable as possible for our parents (and students). More to follow.

And again ... please get behind our road safety initiative and discuss the relevant weekly material with your child(ren). **This week around two thirds of children said they had been discussing these at home with their parents. Well done parents.**

Regards  
Kevin Trehwella  
PRINCIPAL

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children, please support them



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**ASB Holiday Fun Football** is an action-packed holiday programme for kids aged 7-11, 22 July - 26 July, Tikipunga Sports Park. For more info contact Christina Taylor in our Whangarei office on (09) 437 7294 or [www.nff.org.nz](http://www.nff.org.nz).

**Hockey School Holiday Programme** - 9.00am -12.00 noon daily Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July -Thur 18<sup>th</sup> July, whangarei ITM Hockey Centre, Park Ave, Kensington, Yrs 3-8, \$30 per day. Pre-registration is essential. Register on 4373830 or any questions to Bevin Gibbs - [rdm@northlandhockey.org.nz](mailto:rdm@northlandhockey.org.nz)

**Whangarei Radio Controlled Car Club** would like you to join us at mitre 10 mega from 9am for a sausage sizzle, on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. We will be joined by Shannon Ryan and her camera crew, we also will have a bouncy castle up, as well with our usual races we will be having Mini, Stock, Formula 1, Drifting, Muscle Car and of course our Shannon Ryan Race.

Any female can join in the "Shannon Ryan race" (we will find a car for you to use) and you can go for it. So come along and join the fun! For more Info Contact Sue or John Woffindin at 4337214

**Learn to March** with the Whangarei Kilties Marching Team. Any age considered. Training sessions are held at the Onerahi Community Hall, Tuesdays 4-5pm, commencing July 2nd and Saturdays at the Onerahi Community Hall, commencing July 6th. All welcome. Fees are \$100 per season, and can be paid off at \$10 per week, or a 10% discount given if paid in one lump sum. Email us for a brochure with more details at [desarae@clear.net.nz](mailto:desarae@clear.net.nz) or phone or txt Vanessa on 021 1207235."

**Ruatangata Playcentre** - small, rural and friendly centre with huge outside area. Our children love seeing new faces to play with so come and have a look. Tuesday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. 1190 Pipiwai Rd. Ph: 433 5171

**Marsden Bay Holiday Camp** -July 14<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, Activities include motorbikes, buggies, water slide, flying fox, pancake making, beach activities and much more. For more info contact Sheena Lamason on 094447456/0272133225 or [info@marsdenbay.com](mailto:info@marsdenbay.com)

# Farewell to RICK KIVELL

Former Principal of Matarau School

After a distinguished career in education Rick is retiring from teaching and his current position as Deputy Principal at Kamo Intermediate School.

Former students and parents, friends and colleagues are invited to share in a celebration of Ricks 45+ years in education on

**Tuesday 9th JULY 2013**

**1.30pm**

**Kamo Intermediate School Hall**

A school assembly at 1.30 will be followed by an afternoon tea and a chance to catch up.

Messages can be sent to [jnicholson@kamoint.school.nz](mailto:jnicholson@kamoint.school.nz) to be shared on the day.